

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 114, Day Operation, 25 December 1943.

Flight Commander: Major Marble.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 1050 hours, 32 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Pisa M/Y, Italy. They were unescorted. 6 B-26's returned early; 1 because oil congealed, 1 because of oil leak, 1 lost the formation in the clouds, 1 lost power and 2 flew cover for the a/c that lost power.

22 B-26's dropped 114 x 500 lb demolition bombs 1/10 .025 second delay fuses on the target at 1305 hours from 9,000'. 2 B-26's dropped 12 x 500 lb demolition bombs on Pontedera A/D. 12 x 500 lb demolition bombs were salvaged because of rack failure. 72,000 nickels were dropped in the target area. 26 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1528 hours.

3. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs was woven across the center and east positions of the M/Y. Considerable rolling stock and sheds in the yards were destroyed. Some bombs landed short in the town and others landed over. Hits were scored on the landing strip at Pontedera A/D.

4. Observations: a. General: 1. 10/15 cars were observed in Pisa M/Y at 1305 from 9,000'.

2. Several long strings of cars were observed at Pontedera M/Y at 1300 from 9,000'.

3. 3 M/T were seen at San Pietro heading south at 1255 from 9,000'.

b. Enemy Air: 1. One 3 engine a/c, 2 T/E a/c and one S/L a/c were observed at Cecina A/D at 1255 from 9,500'.

2. 3 T/E a/c, one of which was white, and 1 S/L a/c were seen near the hangars at Pontedera A/D at 1309 from 9,000'.

3. 2 T/E a/c were observed on Pisa A/D at 1305 from 9,500'.

4. 25 S/P were seen dispersed at Torre de Largo S/P base at 1302 from 9,500'.

d. Enemy Shipping: 1. 8/10 small boats were observed in Castiglioncello at 1255 from 9,500'.

2. 2 small M/V seen headed south off Castiglioncello at 1255 from 9,500'.

3. Several barges were observed in the mouth of canal of Marina di Pisa at 1302 from 9,500'.

4. 3 small boats were observed headed N off Leghorn at 1258 from 9,500'.

5. 1 medium M/V was observed in a cove on the N of Pianosa Island at 1335 from 9,500'.

e. Flak: None.

f. Our Losses: None.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' at this base, 13° T for 129 statute miles; 11° T for 120 statute miles to 42° 50' N, 10° 00' E; 38° T for 41 statute miles to Cecina; 15° T for 34 statute miles to IP at Altopascio climbing gradually to 9,500'; bomb run 255° M for 15 statute miles to the target at 9,000'; breakaway right; 191° T for 185 statute miles; 193° T for 129 statute miles descending to

Routes and Altitudes (Cont'd): 2,500' at this base.

6. Weather: Overcast, base unknown, top 9-10,000', some cumulus top up to 16,000', and 5-8/10 thin altostratus at 11,000'. Sometimes merging with lower layer. North of Alba. scattered altocumulus, base 9,000', tops 12,000'. Visibility unlimited. Target: Open. 2-3/10 altocumulus, base, 9,000', tops 12,000'. 6-8/10 altostratus at 9,000', over target. Visibility unlimited. Return: Clear west of Sardinia.

7. Comments: None.

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	"A"	
	<u>HAYWARD</u>	
<u>WEST</u>	4	<u>ROBINS N. B.</u>
1	<u>KIRLEY</u>	20
	7	
	"C"	
	<u>KENNEDY</u>	
<u>HENDRIA</u>	15	<u>MCCONNELL</u>
9	<u>DISTERN</u>	5
	18	
	"D"	
	<u>TOLINE</u>	
<u>TOWNS</u>	85	<u>NAGEL</u>
93	<u>CORLEY</u>	90
	92	
	"E"	
	<u>GRSER</u>	
<u>DILLON</u>	87	<u>HICKS</u>
80	<u>BUCKOUT</u>	89
	94	
	"F"	
	<u>WILSON</u>	
<u>GILBERT</u>	52	<u>S. THOMAS</u>
64	<u>CAUDILL</u>	51
	57	
	G	
	<u>SAYIOR</u>	
<u>BARKER</u>	50	<u>RITCHIE</u>
67	<u>HUNTER</u>	58
	66	
	"H"	
	<u>DODELIN</u>	
	34	
<u>CLAYBOUGH</u>		<u>S'UH</u>
40	<u>BOTTOMLEY</u>	28
	65	
	"I"	
	<u>SMITH</u>	
<u>BANCULA</u>	31	<u>CONRAD</u>
47	<u>BOOD</u>	27
	43	
	S P A R E S	
<u>HUBBARD</u>	<u>CASEY</u>	<u>NELSON</u>
2	01	56
	<u>ROMAN</u>	

RADIO

20th MINTON  
 19th CRAWFORD  
 17th BUTLER

25  
 COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 25 DECEMBER 1943.

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RR	R	Q	WHITE
0700-1300	GY	S	Y	RED
1300-1900	GG	L	N	WHITE
1900-0100	RY	F	J	GREEN

CREW AND PASSENGER LIST PARTICIPATING IN MISSION OF 25 December 1945

CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO1
Hayward, Pilot, Capt. Oltman, Co-pilot, F/O McFarland, Bomb, 1st Lt. Konvalinka, Nav, 2nd Lt. Pope, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Sampson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Frank, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Fletcher, Col. Light commander.	441st	4 Took off: 1050 Landed at: 1120
Robins, Pilot, 1st Lt. Held, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Sylvester, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Lyons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Beckstead, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	20 Took off: 1050/15 Landed at:
West, Pilot, F/O Wilson, Co-pilot, F/O Blackford, Bomb, Sgt. Mears, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kwiatkowski, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	1 Took off: 1050/30 Landed at:
Kirley, Pilot, Capt. Owens, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Cuker, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Abart, Nav, 2nd Lt. O'Keefe, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Clark, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	7 Took off: 1050/45 Landed at:
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nunnallee, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Goldberg, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Halligan, Nav, 2nd Lt. Beldon, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Leutholt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	2 Took off: 1051 Landed at:
McConnell, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Trunk, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Blouck, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Iannotta, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hoffman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kary, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	10 Took off: 1051/45 Landed at:

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Hendrix, pilot, 2nd Lt. Weiler, C Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hawkins, Bombardier, Sgt. Lidicker, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Griner, Aerial gunner, pfc	441st	9 Took off Landed
O'Steen Pilot, 2nd Lt. Malcolm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Baker, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Williams, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Hill, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Forbes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Moore, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	18 Took off Landed

Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd 52  
Reynolds, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off  
Hardsmith, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Landed

Clark, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  
Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/sgt/  
Gamble, Aerial gunner, /sgt. Major Marble Was Observer,  
Perkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Smithwick, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd 51  
Beaudro, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Took off  
Dickey, Bombardier, Sgt. Landed

Maier, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Griffin, Aerial gunner, Cpl.  
Coons, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Hart, Aerial gunner, /sgt.

Gilbert, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd ~~53~~ 64  
Weeks, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off  
Strickland, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed

Calaput, Radio Gunner, Sgt.  
Avery, Aerial gunner, Sgt.  
Park, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  
Smith, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Caudill, Pilot, F/O 443rd 57  
Hribal, Co, Pilot, F/O Took off  
Underwood, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Landed

Hobel, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  
Hilderbrand, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Griewank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
Nelson, Engineer gunner, /sgt.  
Johnson, Aerial photographer, Sgt.

Saylor, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd 59  
Dugan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off  
Cassino, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Landed

Wagar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  
Callahan, Radio unner, S/sgt.  
Guilliams, Aerial gunner, Cpl.  
Miller, Engineer gunner, Cpl.

Ritchey, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd 58  
Wheeler, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off  
Wright, Bombardier, Sgt. Landed

Turatti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Testers, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
Noakes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Barker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd # 67  
Shumber, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off  
Adams, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Landed

Saccardo, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Cousins, Aerial gunner, /sgt.  
Carter, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Hunter, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd 66  
Weekley, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Taranto, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Took off  
PICKETS, ~~XXXX~~ BOMBARDIER, LT. La Gesse, RG. Rolfe, AG.

Adams, E/G. gt

Nelson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
MacKinnon, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Mowry, Navigator, Bombardier, s/sgt.  
Powers, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Britton, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
Larkin, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

443rd

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Took off  
Landed

Dodelin, Pilot, <del>1st</del> Lt.	442nd	34
Wilson, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off
Maggio, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed
Schwartz, Navigator, Lt.		
Stander, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Stewart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Shuh, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	28
Wandling, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off
Jacobson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed
Horne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Schaus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Legutko, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.		
Feige, Photographer, Cpl.		
Gross, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Claybough, pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	65
Ratering, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off
Chavalas, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed
Malin, Engineer gunner, pvt.		
Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hoyle, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Bottomley, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	65
Larrabee, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off
Montez, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed
King, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Salvesen, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Steen Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hall, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Smith, Pilot, 1st Lt.	<del>442nd</del>	31
Klark, Co, Pilot,		Took off
Evans, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed
Pincomb, Navigator, Lt.		
Manning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Strasburger, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Johnson, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		
Rowan, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
Harpster, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off
Stakes, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed
Peck, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Harper, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Galindo, Aerial gunner,		
Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Rood, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	40
Grabowski, Co, Pilot		Took off
Freestone, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed
Boyne, Navigator, Lt.		
Penton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Waschz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Wells, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		



Towns, Pilot, Captain, Meyer, 1st Lt. Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Thompson, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Wells, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Feinberg, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Azewczyk, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	85 Took off Landed
Towns, Pilot, J. D. 2nd Lt. Bracke, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Breeding, Bombardier, S/sgt. Janise, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Shingle, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	93 Took off Landed
Casey, Pilot, 2nd Lt. McBride, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bush, Bombardier, S/sgt. Goldie, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Spears, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. George, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	91 Took off Landed
Conley, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ott, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Michels, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Mountaruli, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Perry, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Hedgepeth, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Zaiser, Observer Lt. Col.	444th	92 Took off Landed
Green, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nowake, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Banaki, Bombardier, 1st Lt. McDaniels, 2nd Lt. Navigator, Delisle, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Brown, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	94 Took off Landed
Hicks, Pilot, F/O Kral, Co, Pilot, F/O Bargard, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Staton, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Patton, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Noe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	89 Took off Landed
Dilling, Pilot, 1st Lt. Shenieder, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. White, Bombardier 2nd Lt. Cook, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Viscomi, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	80 Took off Landed
Buckout, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Marsch, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Gest, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th Delosier, B. 2nd Lt. Williams, Eng g. S/sgt.	95 Took off

Nagel, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Stewart, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Peterson, Bombardier, S/sgt.  
Blossman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Connely, Radio Gunner, A/sgt.  
Petroski, Aerial gunner, I/sgt.  
Bushong, Aerial photographer, sgt.

444th

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Took off  
Landed